

Police group give Stalker his job back

By Peter Daveport

The long ordeal of Mr John Stalker, suspended deputy chief constable of Greater Manchester, ended last night when his police authority decided to reinstate him and take no action over a report recommending that he face a disciplinary tribunal on 10 counts.

He denied that the investigation would sour his relationship with his chief constable, Mr James Anderton, who sent the allegations to the police authority that began the inquiry.

Mr Stalker added that he believed he and Mr Anderton would work together well. "We are both professional men and I would hope he would be glad that I am back to be his deputy again. As far as the rest of the force is concerned I have had such overwhelming support I know they will be glad to see me back."

The decision by the Greater Manchester Police Authority was taken after they had questioned Mr Colin Sampson, chief constable of West Yorkshire who conducted the investigation into Mr Stalker, for more than two hours.

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The Princess of Wales, watched by the captain, Commander Toby Elliott, peering through the periscope of the nuclear-powered submarine Trafalgar yesterday as it sailed under the waters of the Clyde during her private visit to the Scottish base at Faslane.

Deaths feared for 70 years at Chernobyl

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

The scale of devastation of the nuclear disaster at Chernobyl was worse than experts in the West had calculated. As more details emerge from reports from the Soviet Union, an awesome picture is growing of an even bigger catastrophe just averted.

The reports were prepared as a brief for member countries of the International Atomic Energy Agency before a meeting in Vienna next week to review the lessons of the accident.

Soviet scientists now calculate that 100 million curies of radioactivity were spewed into the atmosphere. The amount released by the bomb over Nagasaki was 1,000 million curies.

Yet only 3 1/2 per cent of the radioactive waste substances which had accumulated in the reactor at Chernobyl was released. More than one-third of the fall-out is believed to have spread within 18 1/2 miles of the plant.

All the gaseous radioactive contaminants escaped, carrying with them about 20 per cent of the caesium in the reactor and 10 per cent of the iodine.

Though the temperature rose to 2,000 degrees centigrade, the zirconium cladding of the fuel remained intact, preventing the worst nightmare of a meltdown of the nuclear fuel.

But it was the delay in large-scale evacuation of the surrounding area which accounts for the Russian estimates that an extra 6,530 cancer deaths may eventually result from the accident over periods of up to 70 years.

The figure is the first public forecast made by Soviet radiologists, which the report says could be higher. The document explains the lack of more detailed data about the exposures to people, and describes continuing measurements of people and soil, plants, food and water supplies to get more precise figures.

One reason why the Soviet experts say the estimates of long-term fatalities could be too low is that figures are based on so-called external radiation, the dose received directly from the cloud, contaminated surroundings and estimates about particles that were inhaled.

The report does not calculate how many additional cancers may come from consuming foods contaminated with long-lived radioactive substances.

But the 382-page report said top soil was being removed from 1,000 square miles surrounding the plant. It was being treated as radioactive waste for burial at a secure waste disposal site.

Some evacuated areas are expected to form a quarantine zone for over four years. When the decision to evacuate was taken, the measures listed in the report describe the largest civil defence operation that experts in that field in Britain can recall.

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Wet start for Bank holiday

The start of the Bank holiday weekend was marred yesterday as torrential rain and heavy traffic brought chaos to main roads and motorways in the Midlands and the south.

South Africans stockpiling to beat sanctions

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

The South African Government has been stockpiling "literally thousands of items" of strategic goods over the last decade as a protection against economic sanctions, a senior Cabinet Minister has disclosed.

Test series victory a step nearer

New Zealand moved on by 115 runs from 142 for four to 257 for eight in the third Cornhill Test against England at the Oval yesterday, during a day shortened by bad light and rain.

Fleming in court on Monday

Miami (Reuter) - John Fleming, wanted by Scotland Yard for questioning in connection with a £26 million gold robbery, will appear on Monday before an immigration court which will decide whether to deport him to Britain, court officials said yesterday.

Holiday Monday

Weekend of sport

Full report on the first games of the Football League; plus full holiday race cards

Scraping the barrel

How Houston's oil barons are getting used to plunging incomes

Portfolio Gold

There is £16,000 to be won in The Times Portfolio Gold competition today. The daily prize is doubled to £8,000 because there was no winner yesterday and there is the usual weekly prize, also £8,000.

TSB chance

More than two million members of the public are missing out on the chance to invest in the Trustee Savings Bank

City degrees

Degrees awarded by the City University and Open University degrees for the South, East and West Midlands and Yorkshire regions are published today

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Clash on Chinese border

Moscow (Reuter) - A Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman yesterday answered a report from the Chinese embassy here that "something happened last month" on the Sino-Soviet border by saying all was now quiet on his country's eastern front.

£175,000 rise at Guinness

By Richard Lander Mr Ernest Saunders, chief executive of Guinness, is to receive pay rises totalling £175,000 a year, bringing his pay to about £350,000.

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Mr Gennady Gerasimov, the Soviet spokesman, replied: "The Soviet-Chinese border is very long, over 7,020 kilometres (4,360 miles), probably the longest border in the world. Everything is quiet on this border... When questions arise or incidents happen they are quickly settled. Now there are no unsettled problems."

Ernest Saunders: Contracts with subsidiaries

takeover battle against the Argyll group for the Distillers spirits company. The appendix also showed two new contracts with subsidiaries of Guinness which, from the same date, would take Mr Saunders' annual pay to around £350,000.

Carnival day

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Barclays Bank calls in fraud squad

By Stewart Tendler Crime Reporter Scotland Yard is investigating a £440,000 fraud at a branch of Barclays Bank in Whitehall in which forged signatures were used to authorize payment of money from a company's accounts to a former abroad.

Barclays Bank calls in fraud squad

According to police sources a computer was used for the transfer of funds but only after the signatures had been taken as genuine by bank staff dealing with the company, which generates many international transactions each day.

Mystery surrounds Overt sportswear company

By John Goodbody and Nicholas Beeston The sportswear company of Steve Overt is the centre of a mystery on the eve of the British runner leaving for the European Championships.

Steve Overt, whose company telephone is not answered

Britain's biggest mail order specialists in athletics goods, who say the contract is worth about £100,000. They have tried to order rain suits from Overt. But Mr John Bourne, the managing director, said:

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Tamil guerrillas deny ceasefire

Colombo forces kill 10 rebels amid fears of bombing wave

From Michael Hamlyn, Delhi

Peace talks in the battle-wary republic of Sri Lanka yesterday moved nearer a possible conclusion, and attention is now shifting to India, where only the Government of Mr Rajiv Gandhi has the power to compel the adherence of the Tamil guerrilla groups to any settlement.

At the same time, there were reports from the island that 10 rebels had been killed in an encounter, and there was an official warning of a possible renewed bombing campaign.

While he was speaking, reports were coming in of a confrontation between government troops and rebels near the town of Nadumadurai. According to a ministry spokesman, 10 rebels died when they opened fire on an army patrol seeking two Sinhalese who were said to have been kidnapped.

Efforts being made to solve problems. But there were still many obstacles to overcome. Reports of a possible ceasefire came when an extremely senior group of Indian central government ministers hurried to Madras, the capital of the Indian state of Tamil Nadu, for consultations with the guerrilla leaders.

Kurds predict Gulf war offensive

By Hazhir Teimourian

A Kurdish leader, Dr Abd-Orraham Qassem, predicts that Iran will launch a huge offensive against Iraq next month, at about the time of the sixth anniversary of the outbreak of war between the two countries.

He believes that the offensive will fail to achieve its intended breakthrough into Iraq. He thinks it will be launched simultaneously in the southern and central sectors of the 700-mile front, with the goal of cutting off the province of Basra from Baghdad.

Iran's oil revenues, which are almost the only source of its foreign exchange, have been slashed this year to about a third of their level last year, he said.

Recently his guerrillas, which he says number about 10,000, have succeeded in rolling back the areas under the control of government troops, perhaps because the Government has switched more troops to the southern front.



Dr Savimbi, speaking at his guerrilla headquarters, warns President Kaunda of Zambia that he will retaliate if the Angolan Government is allowed to attack Unita from his country.

Unita claims chemical war waged against it

Jamba (Reuter) - Unita rebels claim that several of their number have been killed and others blinded by Soviet-made chemical weapons in battles against Angolan government troops.

Dr Jonas Savimbi, the guerrilla leader, said from his southern Angolan headquarters at Jamba that Unita was facing a big offensive by the Luanda Government's Cuban-supported forces.

There are believed to be several hundred Soviet advisers seconded to Angolan and Cuban units supporting the Marxist Government.

President Kaunda of Zambia had given Luanda permission to use Zambia for attacks on adjacent Unita-held regions.

He denied South African involvement in the August 9 rebel attack on the southern town of Cuito Cuanavale, in which 12 government radar bases were destroyed.

Dr Savimbi said weapons supplied by Washington had helped his forces withstand the Government's dry-season offensive, launched in May.

Dr Savimbi, who has demanded the withdrawal from Angola of more than 30,000 Cuban troops to be followed by elections, praised President Reagan for providing him with arms after a visit to Washington in February.

Bonn looks at action on refugees

From Frank Johnson, Bonn

The controversy over the huge influx of asylum-seekers from the Third World into West Germany in recent months looks set to soon reach some sort of climax.

In recent days villages in three parts of the country have banded together to try to stop more refugees entering their communities.

It has emerged over the past few days that people have taken their matter into their own hands. At Mosen, near Gesehloching (Bavaria) in the south, and at Dreisbach near the French border, villagers have put tractors across the roads, and blockaded a farm where asylum-seekers were to be housed.

A bonus for East Germany is that the influx, some 50,000 for this year, starts up racial trouble in West Germany.

The more conservative politicians here want the problem resolved by a simple change of the West German constitution to remove the provision which says that anyone entering from East Berlin has an automatic right of asylum in West Germany.

The provision was made when it was assumed that anyone getting into the country via that route would be a German.

LONDON: Ship-to-ship radio stations in Britain and West Germany are still trying to contact the West German freighter, Auriga, said to have abandoned more than 150 Tamil refugees off Canada 12 days ago (Trudi McIntosh writes).

Kenya Protestants in ballot protest

Nairobi (Reuter) - Kenya's Protestant churches have made a rare sortie into politics by attacking an open voting system approved for parliamentary elections.

The system, under which voters queue behind the candidate of their choice, was endorsed on Wednesday at a delegates' conference of the Kenya African National Union (KANU), the country's sole political party.

The National Christian Council of Kenya (NCCCK), which represents 35 reformed churches and about six million Kenyans, opposes the system on the grounds that it could deter churchmen and laymen from voting.

Church and state in Kenya were last in serious conflict in mid-1984, after a Presbyterian minister said prayers in his church for Mr Charles Njonjo, the disgraced Constitutional Affairs Minister, and for all political detainees.

11-year sleep ends

Doctors at China's Shijiazhuang Air Force Hospital welcoming 12-year-old Xie Xiaoli as she wakes from an 11-year sleep. Xie, who was one year old when she fell into a coma after an accident, can only dream of her lost childhood.

US bid to take off in Japan

From David Watts, Tokyo

The United States is to send a high-level business mission in search of access to Japan's latest trading zone, a new one-billion yen (\$4.3 billion) airport.

The Americans, who claim they are being locked out of the project, will be given a seminar in late September on Japanese contract practices and the possibilities of foreign firms getting work.

Through the Americans, from President Reagan down, are claiming this as the latest and most spectacular example of Japanese protectionism, it appears that the disagreement has more to do with Japanese methods of letting contracts than determined efforts to exclude foreigners.



In Japan those responsible for a project decide which companies will be invited to tender. The winner comes from these firms, but is not necessarily the one putting in the lowest bid.

Since the airport has been under discussion since 1968, it is a fair bet that those letting contracts and the heads of firms seeking the work have been drinking together, playing golf and exchanging samurai and winter gifts ever since.

There are some eight British firms registered as interested in the new airport that will be built in Osaka Bay off the Sennan area, but few are pursuing work actively.

Russia blamed for talks obstruction

From Mohsin Ali, Washington

The United States yesterday accused the Soviet Union of effectively obstructing progress at the Stockholm European disarmament conference on the key question of international on-site inspection of military activities.

The State Department spokesman said that, despite the highly publicized Soviet "agreement in principle" earlier this week on the on-site inspection of military exercises, Moscow is now apparently maintaining that such inspections would not include broadly defined "closed areas".

"Nor have we seen any serious Soviet co-operation in drafting the vital details and modalities which would give practical effect to on-site inspection," he said of the 35-state Stockholm conference on confidence-building measures in Europe.

He said: "We cannot accept inspection modalities that would restrict access to training areas nor one that would restrict access to areas normally opened to indigenous public."

Australian returns to 22 charges

From Stephen Taylor, Sydney

Bruce Cornwell, one of Australia's most wanted men, arrived home to a VIP jet from London yesterday and was immediately taken to court, where it was announced that he would face 22 charges.

Police marksmen were positioned on the roof of Sydney's Central Criminal Court during Mr Cornwell's brief appearance. The charges relate to the alleged importation of narcotics, and false passports.

Counsel for Mr Cornwell, aged 41, who was handed over to Australian investigators in Britain where he was arrested last year, said he had consented to return to Australia and would be denying all charges.

In Canberra yesterday Mr Mick Young, Special Minister of State, said the VIP Boeing 707 had been used because the Government had been advised there would be an unacceptable risk to civilians if he had been put on board a normal commercial flight.

Pravda accuses US on arms leaks

Moscow (Reuter) - Pravda has accused the US of using recent supposedly confidential talks in Moscow between Soviet and American arms experts as a political tool.

Pravda said that no sooner had the talks, led by President Reagan's arms adviser, Mr Paul Nitze, and the chief Soviet arms negotiator, Mr Viktor Karpov, ended earlier this month than Administration officials "began spouting all manner of comments, both at official briefings and in private".

"The US Administration is making confidential Soviet-US consultations on nuclear and space arms into a political tool. Obviously this can only harm the businesslike exchange of views and harm it considerably," it said.

Washington had sought to extradite Ochoa from Spain where he was detained, but last month he was handed over to Colombia instead.

Today Ochoa is free and is believed to have fled to Brazil after having been released on bail by a customs authority court in the port city of Cartagena on the minor charge of illegally importing 127 Spanish fighting bullets.

His release has sparked a national uproar, with the strong suspicion that the judge involved was either bribed or threatened into his decision.

Abductors free colonel in Santiago

Santiago - A Chilean Army colonel who was kidnapped on Monday was released late on Thursday night in a street in the Nunoa area of Santiago, (Lake Sagaris writes).

Colonel Mario Haeblerle, who is in charge of protocol in the Santiago garrison, was kidnapped by at least seven armed men in front of his home in Santiago.

After several contradictory telephone calls to the media, the Manuel Rodriguez Patriotic Front, an armed group opposed to the Chilean military Government, acknowledged that they were holding Colonel Haeblerle.

On Wednesday night the Government restricted coverage of the kidnapping to official bulletins from its own information agency. That restriction continues, in spite of Colonel Haeblerle's release.

According to an official statement, Colonel Haeblerle has been taken to the military hospital for a check-up.

His kidnapping followed government announcements that it had found a huge arms cache in the north. Announcements of similar discoveries in Santiago and the surrounding area have continued throughout this week.

Scandals of drug trade put growing pressure on Bogotá

From Geoffrey Matthews, Bogotá

Just a fortnight after taking office, the Colombian Government of President Barco is being confronted by the daunting problems posed at home and abroad by the nation's ruthless drugs network, as events over the last week have underlined.

First, two Colombian women were arrested at Charles de Gaulle airport in Paris after 43 kilos of cocaine were found in their luggage after their arrival on an Air France flight from Bogotá.

Then, a much-decorated official of the Colombian police anti-narcotics squad was assassinated in Bogotá by a baby-faced contract killer. Finally, one of Colombia's top drug barons, whose extradition was being strenuously sought by the United States, was astonishingly freed on bail by a provincial judge and has since predictably disappeared.



President Barco: court's decision embarrassing.

Two British children stay in Spanish jail

Madrid - The two young daughters of a Lancashire divorcee, Mrs Marlene Johnson, are likely to remain in prison in southern Spain with their mother until next month, informed sources said here yesterday (Harry Debelius writes).

Her two sons, aged nine and 14, are also expected to remain until then at an Algeciras boys' school, where Spanish authorities placed them after their mother's arrest on August 10 in the Spanish North African enclave of Ceuta, opposite Gibraltar.

Police arrested Mrs Johnson and another British woman, Mrs Margaret Muller, said to be her aunt, after they allegedly discovered 80 lb of hashish in the camper vehicle in which the women and the four children had entered Ceuta from Morocco. The women were held on drugs charges.

Iran threatens further action

Tehran (Reuter) - President Khomeini said yesterday that Iran might have to respond to Iraqi attacks on its oil terminals in a way that might jeopardize all Gulf oil exports, even though it wanted friendly relations with Gulf Arab states.

He held a prayer meeting at Tehran University that Iran had not yet utilized its full retaliatory strike capacity in the Gulf war.

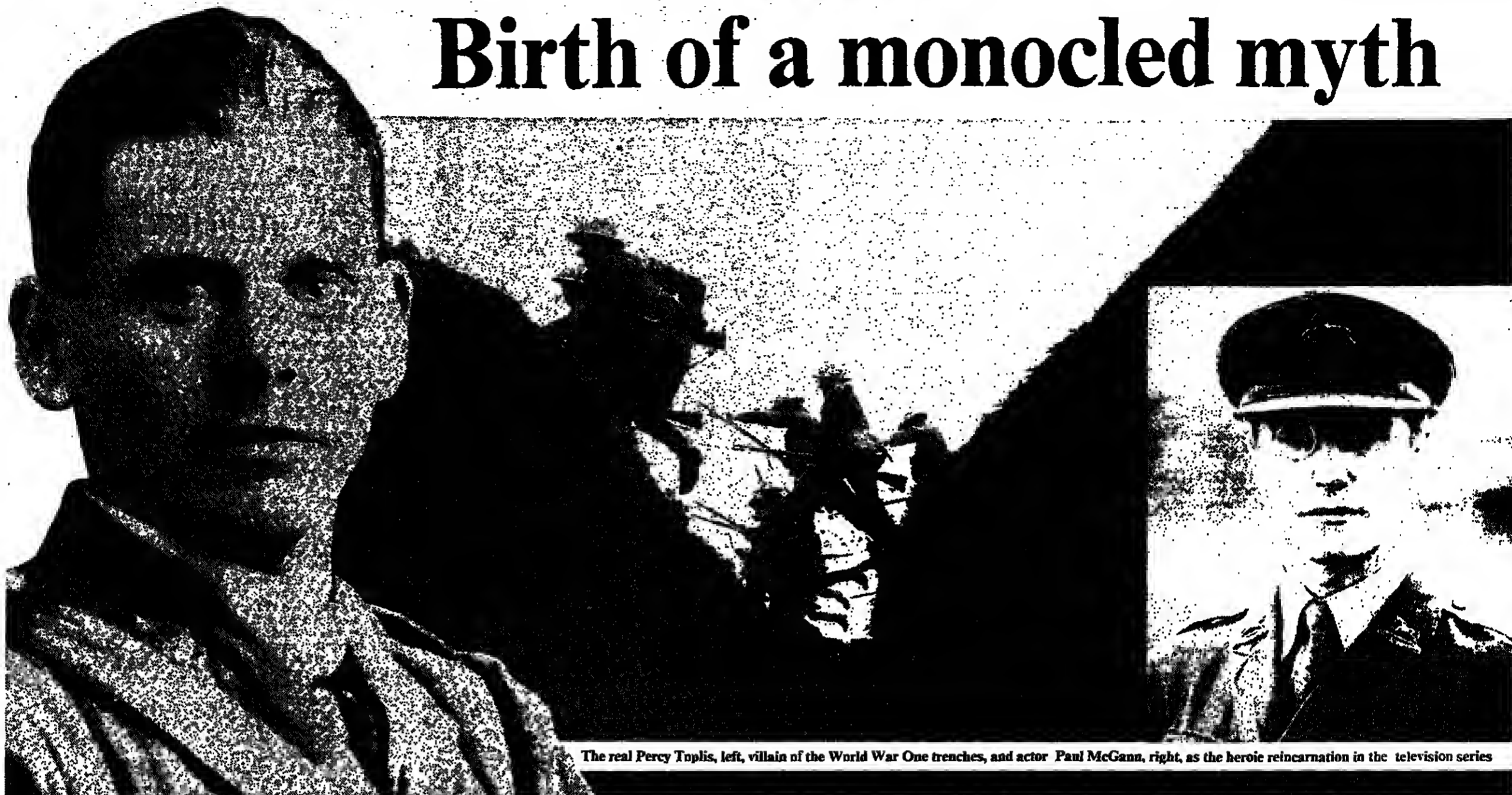
In another development, Tehran radio said two divisions of volunteers from the western province of Lorestan had left for the war front.

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Birth of a monocled myth



The real Percy Toplis, left, villain of the World War One trenches, and actor Paul McGann, right, as the heroic reincarnation in the television series

Percy Toplis, rogue male, died as he lived: with his tongue sticking out. But if he was a deserter and a killer, he could hardly become a television hero. So has Alan Bleasdale re-invented him? Byron Rogers investigates art and reality

What makes it so terrible is a succession of little details. It was a summer evening of the sort Georgian poets had written about, and which many men had thought they would never see again. In a small village four miles from Penrith people were coming from evensong. There was a walled rose-garden. It was June 5, 1920, a Saturday. If you had been coming out of that church you might have noticed the lone man walking along the road. You might even have seen him exchange a few words with a man tinkering with a motor-bike at the road side. But you would not have forgotten what happened next. Two men appeared over the wall of the rose garden with pistols in their hands, and the motor cyclist had straightened and he had a gun, too. The three of them began firing at the walker who broke into a run, and then fell, rolling down a grassy slope at the edge of the road. In the churchyard people had fallen among the gravestones. The two men were police-officers, the motor cyclist the 22-year-old son of the local chief constable. When they reached their target they found him with his tongue sticking out at them where his teeth had closed. He was dead. It was an expression they never forgot (later a police surgeon cut out the tongue for decorum's sake), and it is one that the millions who watch a BBC TV series beginning a week tomorrow, The Monocled Mutineer, are not likely to forget either. It was Percy Toplis's last gesture of pure cheek. He was 23 years old, and for six weeks he had been on the run, charged with murder, and had already shot his way out of one ambush. He was a deserter from the British Army, whose short life had been remarkable for the amount of petty crime he had managed to pack into it. And now, 66 years later, he is about to become a folk hero. "I don't think he was a good man, but unless my touch has gone, he is one the people I write for are going to appreciate and love", said Alan Bleasdale, author of The Monocled Mutineer. "As soon as I read about him, I loved his anarchic humour. He was a cynic from the age of seven, the common man who refused to care. But then with the background he came from he couldn't afford to care. Vernon Scannell has these lines: 'Whatever might cry out / is hurt or dies.'" "What fascinated me was that there was a real anti-hero of the First World War, when it was thought that that wasn't possible; and I saw the events of the war through his eyes, when all the rest of his class was just cannon-fodder. "Mind you, I have fictionalized fact. I hope I have been true to the spirit of the soldiers at the Front, but my Toplis is not the man who walked the earth. A childhood friend remembered that man. "Today he would have been one of those intellectual socialists. Then he had no chance at all. Mind you, he was a bit of a tearaway, was Percy." The quotation is taken from The Monocled Mutineer, the book on which Bleasdale based his series. Toplis was born in Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, and the tearaway in him made an appearance when he was 11. Young Toplis turned up at an outfitter's, saying he had been sent by a lady whose name and address he gave, and took two suits out on approval. Dressed in one, he pawned the other. He was birched for that. Three months later he was up before the Chesterfield bench, accused of stealing the money he had got for selling newspapers. Once he brought a bottle of laudanum to school and put his class to sleep. "You'll end up on the gallows", said his headmaster. At 13 he was down the pit as an apprentice blacksmith, an occupation he was to claim for the rest of his life. At 14 he was given 10 days jail for not paying the railway fares for himself and a woman who was with him. Old men who knew him remembered him for his skill at playing the piano in pubs, and for his loneliness. He got a month for stealing a purse and then at 15 was found guilty of something Bleasdale and the co-authors of his biography feel obliged to gloss over. He got two years' hard labour ("paying court to a young lady. She objected to his attentions..."). The rest of us might call it attempted rape. Then Percy Toplis was given a stage on which his talents could be viewed in a quite different light. In 1915

it was more terrible than terror, for it was a blindfold look, and without expression, like a dead rabbit's." Toplis deserted again from Etaples (his ability to do this at will is a comment on the Army bureaucracy which could not cope with the vast numbers of men arriving or dying). But he was back in September, 1917, when a mutiny broke out. The scale of this is a stumbling block in the Toplis legend. His biographers see it as something almost on the scale of the French mutinies in the same year, which threatened to break down an entire army. But all that is known for certain is that it lasted just six days, and was basically a protest against conditions in the camp. Against the allegations of mass rape followed by the executions of at least ten men, all Judge Anthony Babington in his authoritative For The Sake of Exonim (Leo Cooper), an account of the executions in the British Army, was able to establish was that just one soldier had been shot. But Toplis was there, and after it was over, was a hummed man. He was arrested at one point by Army Intelligence but escaped, tunnelling out under the wire of his compound. In 1918 he sought refuge from his pursuers in the Royal Army Service Corps, presumably on the grounds that the army was the last place where they would look for a deserter. That same year, in Nottingham, he was arrested for passing forged cheques and was given six months' hard labour. On his release he joined the RASC again, though still posted as a deserter, and there now began the penultimate act of his short life. At Bulford Camp on Salisbury Plain he got involved in the black market, selling Army petrol. Again he came and went at will. The men who served with him remembered that he would turn up just to play soccer and then vanish again. They also remembered the different uniforms, usually those of officers, and the revolver he carried. In December, 1919, he stole an Army Sunbeam car, and dressed as a sergeant major, took a woman to the Pump Room at Bath. He was recognized by two military policemen, made a run for it, and was finally arrested on Temple Meads Station in Bristol, but again escaped. Then in January a Salisbury taxi driver was found shot dead in his car. His last known fare had been a man in sergeant major's uniform. The man-hunt for Toplis now began, and in the six weeks it lasted there were 107 reported sightings, from Wales to Scotland. On the night of June 1, 1920, a farmer in the Banffshire Highlands saw smoke rising from a shooting lodge which he knew to be unoccupied. Contacting a gamekeeper and a policeman, the three of them got to the lodge by midnight. Toplis at first tried to bluff it out and then produced a gun, shooting both the policeman and the gamekeeper. The farmer, who had flung himself on the floor, watched him disappear, and listened incredulously, for Toplis was beginning to sing: Good-bye. Don't sigh-ee. Wipe the tear, baby dear. from your eye-see. On June 4, a village constable came on a man dressed in the uniform of an Army corporal reading a paper beside a road near Penrith. The man told him he was on his way back to his depot. But later, the policeman had second thoughts and, on his getting his bicycle out, he returned to where he had last seen him. He began to search a clump of trees, calling out "Coo-see, are you there?", a bizarre greeting when you are searching for a suspected murderer. And a man stepped out and pointed a revolver at him. "If it's Toplis you're after, I'm your man." He told the constable to drop his truncheon, and, backing away, added that he was the smartest lawman in England. The amazing feature of the last act was that the Chief Constable's unemployed son, Norman de Courcy Parry, was in on it, armed with a gun he had brought home from the Western Front. This was not commented on at the inquest, and Bleasdale, who has met de Courcy Parry, now in his rollicking 80s, liked the irony of an upper-class tearaway being in at the end of a working-class tearaway. The papers were full of it. The World's Pictorial News, alongside its main feature, "My Life as Vampire Queen", by Theda Bara, had "the daring adventures of Percy

Toplis with a beautiful young motorist". It was a story of confidence trickery and seduction. By the following week, Toplis had even knocked Theda Bara off the front page. Only the Manchester Guardian had misgivings. The shooting, it wrote, "was not by any means the best end to a bad business." But the police claimed that Toplis had shot first and the inquest jury had returned a verdict of justifiable homicide. It is hard to know what to make of Toplis. The biography tries to make him into the leader of the Etaples Mutiny but is not convincing. But then the man wrote nothing down, except for a few terse entries in the diary which was found on him. Of the inquest's verdict on the dead taxi-driver, which had judged him guilty without a trial, he had only this to say: "La verdict. Rotten". But he had a gun. He knew how to use it, and was to do so. All that is lacking is a motive. Bleasdale makes the taxi-driver into a rickacer, and has one of Toplis's friends do the shooting. He does this on the cheerful premise that people are not going to watch five and a half hours of television about a murderer and rapist (he finds him not guilty of rape as well). The biographers also do their best, querying the evidence and the verdict. This way a myth starts. (© Times Newspapers, 1986)

Alan Bleasdale's four-part series, The Monocled Mutineer, starts tomorrow week (BBC 1, 9.05 pm). The Monocled Mutineer, by William Allison and John Fairley (Quartet, £2.50).

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Pa Karamo Darbo's family are proud of him, hopeful for his future. His father and mother cultivate groundnuts and rice in rural Gambia. It is a hard life, cultivating and harvesting the crops by hand. The cost of seeds is high and the weather can play havoc with their income, which rarely rises above subsistence level (the average per capita income in The Gambia is just £90 a year).

Pa's parents are determined that he gets a good education so that he can help his family and the community out of the cycle of poverty that bedevils life here - nearly a third of the children die before the age of five. Pa is now enrolled at Dumburn Primary School.

ActionAid wants you to help supply a child's education by becoming a sponsor and committing yourself to helping families like Pa's. Not just with the child's education but with the many other uses of your help that we can supply to his community: tools, seeds, equipment for the school.

As an ActionAid sponsor you commit to paying £7.92 a month - every penny of which is spent overseas to benefit the sponsored child and the local community. It is the price of a small loaf of bread a day for us. It is the price of a better, more hopeful future for a family like Pa's.

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You can give a mother child that chance...

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Please send me details of one child who needs my help. I enclose £7.92 as my first month's contribution or £95.00 as my first year's contribution (Tick appropriate box)

I cannot sponsor a child immediately but enclose a gift of £200 £100 £50 £25 or £10 (Tick appropriate box)

Please send me further details on sponsorship. Important: All cheques and postal orders should be made payable to ActionAid. Thank you.

NAME (MR MS) ADDRESS TELEPHONE POSTCODE

ActionAid Change a child's world... Become a Sponsor

Cakes and ale, but no oysters

BEST OF BRITAIN

As part of our occasional series, Michael Watkins discovers the quiet charms of Whitstable

There are resort towns in this dear, dear land which behave with all the contrariness of a pantomime horse - forelegs heading in one direction, hindquarters in another.

Whitstable is unaffected by such unhealthy passions. It is not a matter of arrogance or stand-offishness so much as unawareness of making any name.

Whitstable rings true: if not with the tinkle of finest crystal, then certainly with a dependable note.

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Sunny side: W. Somerset Maugham's 'Blackstable', with its 'long winding street that led to the sea, with little two-storey houses'

them at Sodom or Gomorrah. They have come for a set lunch, perhaps, at the Bear and Key, which sits solidly in place as it has done for the last couple of centuries at least, offering hospitality and maroon sofas so wallowy that your knees come up to your ears as you sit.

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Human Bondage that he loathed Whitstable, one would be misled. It wasn't Whitstable that Willie loathed: it was his uncle he detested - rather unfairly and ungratefully, as several of his biographers have substantiated.

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There is another due to times past in All Saints, a wall plaque to Edward James Nicholls, "Freeman of Whitstable Oyster Compy. Churchwarden 34 yrs. 1848-1921".

down to the harbour to find that the oyster fleet has contracted to one surviving smack, the Gamecock. Perhaps we do not appreciate oysters any more, perhaps they are too rich for our blood.

A lead which had me scurrying

the air in the graveyard, oblivious to the life and times of the Reverend Henry - was approached by a Norwegian woman. She was an admirer of Willie's, she had come to pay respects to his uncle, knowing precisely where his tombstone - almost obliterated by the elements - lay.

When Newcastle colliers used to unload, gravel is being tipped into waiting holds. Nothing else, just gravel.

TRAVEL NOTES

A double room at the Marine Hotel, Tankerton is £49 per day including breakfast and VAT (0227 272672).



GARDENING

Choice of toil in the soil

There is no consensus about Bank Holiday gardening. Some gardeners feel they have achieved nothing unless they have toiled through the pain threshold, others are fatigued retrieving fallen rose petals.

Trim beech hedges now, stimulating new but not growth which will stay on the hedge through the winter.



It is simply too honourable to exploit its Maugham connections: in the Visitor Information Guide Willie isn't mentioned once.

Francesca Greenoak

1 Mary Rose, Portsmouth: Filleted galleon (1510), a laboratory cross-section prepared by the scouring tide and mounted for display at enormous expense.

2 "Bertha", Exeter: Oldest surviving powered boat in the world (Brunel, 1844), occasionally still in steam. Elementary hunk of iron with corners and giant flywheel.



3 Osprey, Windermere: Dainty steam launch of 1902, immaculate teak and brass.

Life in the old ship yet

There was a time when old ships which offered no profitable carriage for the shipbreaker were left to moulder away in peace in forgotten creeks.

Some are so fragile that they would disintegrate except under laboratory-controlled conditions.

Until the 1950s only a handful of old ships were preserved for their historical interest anywhere in the world.

Here is a selected guide to 10 of the best around the country which are open to the public.



4 Peggy, Castletown, Isle of Man: Island magnate's little racing yacht/trader/smuggler of 1791, miraculously intact after being walled up for 100 years in eccentric boathouse.

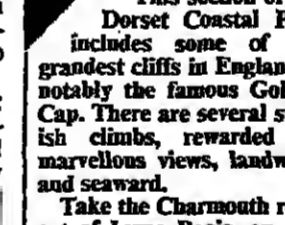
7 Discovery, Dundee: Captain Scott's iceberg-proof Antarctic exploration ship of 1901, timbers two feet thick.

8 Victory, Portsmouth: Nelson's immense oak flagship, most spectacular of all historic ships.



9 Great Britain, Bristol: Top-hat funnelled, many-masted ancestor of all seagoing metal ships (Brunel, 1843), still being restored.

DORSET Lyme Regis Distance: 11 miles This section of the Dorset Coastal Path includes some of the grandest cliffs in England - notably the famous Golden Cap.

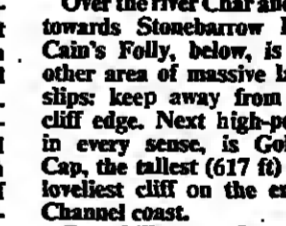


Take the Charmouth road out of Lyme Regis, an elegant and largely unspoilt little resort.

CHILTERN CRAFT SHOW: More than 140 exhibitors of traditional, rare, rural and idiosyncratic crafts.

WEEKEND WALK

Over the river Char and up towards Stonebarrow Hill. Cain's Folly, below, is another area of massive landslips.



THORCOMBE BEACON and more spectacular views across Lyme Bay. Down again to Eype's Mouth and turn inland, taking the minor road through Eype and right for Bridport.

OUTINGS

captain's house built for his daughter in 1888 and a post-war bungalow complete with bowling green.

BOURNEMOUTH KITE FESTIVAL: Amateur and professional kite fliers with a number of stunt flights including displays of parachuting teddy bears.

RE-ENACTMENT OF THE BATTLE OF BOSWORTH FIELD: Tomorrow sees the Plantagenet Society's version of the 1485 battle, with full costume, armour, weapons.

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SHOPPING



Ten green bottles: all lined up and ready to be poured and nine of them are readily available on supermarket shelves; there is a mystery bottle (far right) included in the selection.

Splashing out on water

What better than a drop of the off-stuff to quench a summer thirst? Sales of mineral water in Britain have surged up to 92 million litres a year, but is bottled water just a fashionable fad?

Two experts turn from wine to test popular bottled waters, overseen by Beryl Downing

- Safeway Highland Spring, carbonated mineral water, 37p per litre (Scotland). Identified immediately by RY as "one of those cheap carbonated jobs" because of the big bubbles.

- Vichy Saint-Yorre, naturally carbonated natural mineral water, 60p (France). Correctly identified immediately by JMcQ because of its salty mineral flavour - "the sort of thing you drink when you are on a health diet".

again with a citric aftertaste", JMcQ. "Mystery bottle" "Lots of tiny pinhead immobile bubbles - mine tastes dirty", RY. "Mine tastes horrid, like a muddy fish tank". JMcQ. The bottle contained London tap water with a dash of soda water.

GUEST COOK

The right stuff from Provence

In the last of our summer series, chef SIMON HOPKINSON of the fashionable Kensington restaurant Hilaire, confesses that his off-duty pleasures include shopping in markets and cooking for friends



Food forces: Simon Hopkinson finds "everything is irresistible" in French markets

By virtue of an all-consuming passion for food, I don't mind "busman's holidays". Invariably, when I am the guest at a friend's house for a weekend, or several days, I find myself preparing "a little something". This is always enjoyable, even more so, if one happens to be staying in a remarkable house in Provence, with acres of landscaped garden, herbs everywhere, a good swimming pool, a smashing kitchen and a stock of decent wine.

- Fish soup Serves six 1.3-1.8kg (3-4lb) mixed, unguilted Mediterranean fish 5 or 6 leeks depending on size 2 onion slices 1 whole head garlic, cloves separated and bruised 6 strips orange peel Whatever herbs you like (except rosemary or dill) 1 bulb fennel, chopped 1 ripe tomato, chopped 2 tablespoons tomato paste Saffron, salt and pepper 1 or 2 chopped fresh chillies 1/2 bottle white wine 15cm (1 1/2 pint) good olive oil

measure (although this would be more common to a bouillabaisse). All it requires is rough chopping. Having gathered everything together, plus beautiful plum tomatoes, green almonds for the table, butter from a block weighing several kilos, shallots, leeks, bread and olives, we returned home.

hours, turning occasionally. Grill it over charcoal, preferably in the garden, under a grill in the kitchen or roasted in a very hot oven on the top shelf. Each piece should take about five or eight minutes to cook. It should be well browned, almost black on the outside and pink and juicy within. Serve with salad and new potatoes.

EATING OUT

Food that doesn't travel

The name Royal Britannia is inappropriate as well as clumsy. The northern side of London's Finsbury Square looks like a 1920s commercial block in St Louis or Minneapolis. But inside, a different, more recent America is evoked - that of a Hyatt hotel atrium, where see-through lifts whizz up and down the polished marble walls, ferns and birches thrive in the ecosphere and a waterfall makes a noise like a drain.

Quality can easily suffer with pre-packaged meals, says Jonathan Meades. The Grill St Quentin is entirely different: here a lot of the dishes come out of cans. Not any old cans but those of a company called Comtesse Du Barry.

Far wiser to eat the grilled meats and excellent chips; a massive cote de veau as thick as a phone book costs £6.30 and is accompanied by three sauces which are (well) made on the premises. It is for dishes such as this that the local French population turns out in force.

NEWS LINES

Most extraordinary idea of the week - Daylay's packs of ready-flavoured hard-boiled eggs, 45p for two. They come ready-shelled, salted, plain, or in smoke-flavoured or oak or aniseed. Texture and taste rubbery. Boil your own.

Nottinghamshire (lace, glass, dress fabrics), £1.95, Leicestershire (pure wool, underwear, children's clothes, shoes) £1.50, Staffordshire (the potteries; lingerie and skirts) £1.95. All from Gillion Cutlers, 34 Park Hill, London SW4. Add 25p p&p for one book, 10p for extra copies.

Books on tape are the latest way of fending off frustration in commuter traffic: you can now dip into Dickens as you drive. The subscription charge is £10 a year, plus charge is 75p per tape for the first week (including return postage) and 7p per day after that.

next INTERIOR the new collections

Advertisement for English Garden and Paisley Romany interior collections. Includes images of fabrics and text: "Exclusive new furnishing collections fabrics, wallpapers and accessories." "The latest next interior booklet is available now free from any next branch while stocks last."

DRINK

A little whine on cheap bottles

Advertisement for Chateau Tesceau wine. Features a bottle image and text: "The role of the supermarket wine buyer at the inexpensive end of the wine spectrum is not a happy one. The pressure to keep prices down is immense and the Great British Public do not always keep up with those all-important sterling and vintage fluctuations."

TIMES GUERNSEY FISHERMAN'S SWEATER

Advertisement for Fisherman's Sweater. Features an image of a man and woman wearing sweaters and text: "Previous offers for Times Guernsey knitwear have proved very popular: both men and women appreciate the warmth, comfort and easy style it provides."

Advertisement for THE TIMES newspaper. Includes a form for subscription orders and contact information: "DIAL YOUR ORDER RAPID ORDERING SERVICE BY TELEPHONE ON ACCESS OR VISA (no need to complete coupon) (Crayford) 0322-58011 24 hours a day - 7 days a week."

ENTERTAINMENTS

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Open all day with live exhibitions and lunchtime music. Coffee Shop, Buffet, Bars and Riverside Cafe. Jazz groups every Friday/Saturday evening. Enjoy the magnificent views of Big Ben and Parliament from our riverside walks.

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Conductor: **BRAM WELLS**

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TOM MERRIFIELD EXHIBITION
Sculpture by Tom Merrifield
From 11 am to 5.30 pm (11 am - 10 pm Sat)

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MUSIC FROM SPAIN

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LIVE ON STAGE

Hooked on Classics

ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA
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ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL

TONIGHT at 7.30

GLORY OF VIENNA

ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA
Conductor: **BRAM WELLS**

CONCERTO NO. 2
Beethoven

ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL

FRIDAY 12th SEPTEMBER at 7.30

TCHAIKOVSKY

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Conductor: **BRAM WELLS**

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BALMORAL CASTLE August 22. The Queen was represented by the Colonel the Honourable Lincoln Alexander (Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario) at the Funeral of General Sir Charles Loewen...

BUCKINGHAM PALACE August 22. The Princess Anne, the Princess Margaret and the Princess Alexandra of Kent...

KENSINGTON PALACE August 22. The Princess of Wales and the Princess Margaret...

BRIDGE TRIALS round robin The first match in the first round of the trials to determine the British team for next year's European Bridge Championship...

Latest wills Lady Mariana Frances Lilian Orr, of the Steps, High Street, Ratley, Warwickshire...

BRITISH MARRIAGES, DEATHS AND IN MEMORIAM EA a line + 15% VAT (minimum 3 lines)

DEATHS BATTERSEA - On August 22nd, suddenly while visiting friends, 82, widow of the late...

MARRIAGES BRUCE - On August 22nd, the marriage took place at the Church of St. Mark, Cambridge...

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Birthdays

TODAY: Mr Geoff Capes, 37; Dr Carl Dolmetsh, 75; Mr Alexander Gilmour, 55; Sir William Gorell Barnes, 77...

TOMORROW: Lord Ashby, 82; Mr Paul Barker, 51; Mr Alan Booker, 55; Sir Giles Bullard, 60...

Forthcoming marriages Captain M.J. Bennion, RA, and Miss S.F. Bell

Mr P.N. Fryer and Miss J.K. Hardy The engagement is announced between Paul, younger son of Mr and Mrs W.H. Fryer...

Mr P.W.S. Madley and Miss J.C. Blyth The engagement is announced between Paul William Stuart, younger son of the late Mr H. Madley...

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Russell Stannard A matter of believing

Who does not sympathize with Philip, the disciple who asked Jesus to show him the Father? Or with Thomas who could not believe in the Resurrection until he had himself seen the risen Jesus?

University news

Oxford The following prizes and scholarships have been awarded: The University Medal for the best student in the first year of the Natural Sciences...

Marriage

Mr C. Jago and Miss S. Fenwick The marriage took place on Friday, August 22, at Chelsea, London...

Service dinner

North Irish Horse Colonel Lord O'Neill presided at a dinner given by the officers of the North Irish Horse...

Services tomorrow

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY after Trinity CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8.15 AM Holy Communion with the singing of the Gloria...

OBITUARY

SIR DAVID SCOTT Green-fingered veteran of diplomacy

Sir David Scott, KCMG, OBE, died in the early hours of yesterday morning, at the age of 99. He gave valuable service to British diplomacy...

MR GEORGE RAINBIRD

Mr George Rainbird, a well-known figure in the publishing world, who founded his own firm and later became a director of Thomson Publications...

THE VERY REV SAMUEL CROOKS

The Very Reverend Samuel Crooks, OBE, who devoted his 15 years as Dean of St Anne's Cathedral, Belfast...

THAD JONES

Thad Jones, American jazz trumpeter and composer, died in Copenhagen on August 20. He was 63.

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Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

STOCK MARKET

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THE POUND

US Dollar 1.4900 (-0.0055) W German mark 3.0426 (-0.0142) Trade-weighted 71.3 (-0.4)

Coalite bid deferred

The Coalite Group is to defer posting its offer document for Hargreaves until the European Economic Commission has considered the proposed merger.

Ratio eased

The Bank of England announced yesterday that the cash deposit ratio for banks will be reduced from 0.5 per cent to 0.45 per cent of eligible liabilities from October.

Sirdar buy

Sirdar has bought all the issued share capital of Eversure Textiles, a manufacturer of ready-made clothes.

95.6% say yes

Higgs and Hill's offer to acquire Southend Estates Group has been declared unconditional.

Prime rate up

The National Australia Bank will increase its benchmark prime lending rate from 18.25 to 18.5 per cent.

Christy issue

Christy Hunt plans to raise about £650,000 through a four-for-five rights issue of 2.81 million shares at 25p each.

Oldacre AGM

Oldacre Holdings has postponed its September 18 annual meeting because of Unigest's recommended takeover bid.

Oyston's bid

Oyston Estate Agency has declared its bid for Midlands Marts wholly unconditional.

Ruddle offer

The offer by Grand Metropolitan for G Ruddle, the brewer, has been declared fully unconditional.

MARKET SUMMARY

Table with columns: STOCK MARKETS, MAIN PRICE CHANGES, INTEREST RATES, CURRENCIES. Lists various market indices and prices.

Guinness chief rewarded with £175,000 rise

By Richard Lander

Mr Ernest Saunders, chief executive of the Guinness drinks and consumer goods group, has been rewarded for his success in taking over the Distillers spirits company with extra pay likely to total £175,000 a year.

The increase is made up of £100,000 from Guinness itself, making his salary there £275,000, plus £75,000 a year in new and proposed contracts with subsidiaries of the group.

of what is now known, it has become apparent that the board structure proposed at the time of the offer was misconceived... as it would have been too unwieldy and unresponsive to provide effective direction and control.



In London yesterday: Mr Paul Fox, managing director of YTV, right, and Sir Derek Palmer, chairman, after announcing the issue price

Yorkshire TV valued at £41m

By Alexandra Jackson

Investors will pay 125p a share to become shareholders in Yorkshire Television, maker of programmes such as Emmerdale Farm, The Glory Boys, The Beiderbecke Affair and Rampton: The Secret Hospital.

is higher than City expectations. Earnings per share on this forecast, assuming a 41 per cent tax charge, are 14.8p.

Bass and Pearson, which are reducing their various shareholdings to 21 per cent. Yorkshire Television is the last major television company not to have its own quote or to be part of a quoted company.

Opec to press Britain again for aid in forcing up prices

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries is planning to make new informal approaches to Mr Peter Walker, the Energy Secretary, to seek Britain's co-operation in its efforts to send world oil prices back up.

member country by the falling oil price. While formal talks of government-to-government level on the issue of oil production levels have been ruled out by Whitehall, Mr Walker is prepared to welcome both ministers for informal discussions.

Its tax reforms, designed to keep foreign oil companies interested in operating in Norwegian waters, will be implemented next year.

Now Vimto invades the USA

By Carol Ferguson

Vimto is moving into America - and the first production run was due off the canning line this week.

Extel resists Maxwell pressure to negotiate

By Martin Baker

The Extel Group yesterday rejected the possibility of talks to agree a negotiated offer for the company with Mr Robert Maxwell, chairman of the British Printing & Communication Corporation.

Extel's shareholders received a letter from Mr Maxwell pointing out that Extel's directors could "institute conversations" whenever they wished.

C&W Walker to merge with Greenbank

C&W Walker, the engineering contractor which absorbed the private Multiple Industries in January, is to merge with Greenbank, the engineering equipment group, by way of an agreed takeover offer valuing Greenbank at about £15.6 million.

Shake-up at Flextech after profits fall

By Richard Lander

Flextech, the USM-quoted energy investment company which has been badly hit by the slump in oil exploration activity, is to undergo a restructuring. This will include a partial offer by an investment syndicate and a £1.7 million share placing with the same group of investors.

The whole offer has been received from seven institutions, but these will be scaled down if other investors want to accept.

Building societies face tougher rules on ratios

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

Building societies will have to adopt a more complex system of assessing lending risks to comply with new guidelines on maintaining adequate capital, according to proposals published yesterday by the Registry of Friendly Societies.

public. Measures based on a detailed assessment of a society's risks will be used by supervisors to check on a society's capital adequacy.

holders would require a capital ratio of only 15.5 per cent initially. Other areas, such as renting, property development, and guarantee and foreign exchange services would also attract separate capital adequacy requirements.

Pound falls to record low against the mark

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The pound fell in London again yesterday, in spite of an extinguishing of hopes of an early cut in base rates. Against the mark, it reached a record low.

Mr Satoshi Sumita, the Governor of the Bank of Japan, said the Japanese economy did not need a discount rate cut to match Wednesday's reduction in the United States.

The pound fell by 1.5 pence to DM13.0422 in London, its lowest ever closing level. It also lost 55 points to close at 51.34.

In New York, it continued the slide, losing 1.35 cents to close at 51.3840.

Dealers in London attributed the pound's fall to a mood of gloom over Britain's economic prospects.

The Bank of England announced the issue of £500 million of existing stock, in spite of the fact that gilt-edged stocks were down by a quarter of a point.

Washington - There was an unexpectedly strong rise in US durable goods orders last month. New orders received rose by 4.3 per cent, or \$4.4 billion, the biggest increase since November 1984.

Defence orders again provided the basis of the increase, with orders for defence capital goods up by 46.6 per cent. Excluding defence, durable goods orders rose by 1.1 per cent.

The increase came as a contrast to recent weak economic data in the US and the White House said it reinforced "our belief that the economy will be further strengthened in the coming months."

The "tablets" comprise £200 million of Exchange 11 per cent 1990; £150 million of Conversion 10 per cent 1996, and £130 million of Treasury 9 1/2 per cent 2002.

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Raising a glass to the start-a-business scheme

CASE STUDY

The Business Start-up Scheme is now five years old and ready to yield its tax advantages. Vivien Goldsmith looks at a wine company which matured into a good investment

Stockbroker Nick Brown was stepping into uncharted waters when he persuaded 25 friends and relations to invest in his wine company with the lure of tax relief under the Business Start-up Scheme.

Now five years on, the start-up scheme has been superseded by the Business Expansion Scheme and millions of pounds have been pumped into fledgling businesses by those keen to get tax relief at the top marginal rate on their investments.

In the two years of the start-up scheme (1981-82 and 1982-83), £18 million was invested in 250 companies. Only £5 million went directly into new businesses; the rest was channelled in through approved funds.

The saga began for Mr

Brown when he spied a "For Sale" sign on the first floor of Leadenhall Market in the heart of the City. It was the perfect location for a restaurant or wine bar.

"I was going to fund it myself but in the three years between finding the site and opening the doors, the costs tripled. It was a difficult site. No one had ever used the first floor before and I had to get change-of-use permission from the City of London. So

wanted to take their friends to "their" wine bar or restaurant for lunch.

Mr Brown abandoned selling shares to institutions for a year to concentrate his energies on the wine-bar business. "I'm not sure I would have got the money from investors had I not taken a 'hands on' approach. I had a lot to lose myself."

"It was one long learning curve. I looked on it as a sabbatical. After that we got

make a market in the shares," says Mr Brown. The last rights issue was at £5.50. The shares were originally issued at £1.

Now that the minimum period of five years for retaining the tax relief has passed and investors can sell their stake without any tax penalty, Mr Brown is keen to increase his holding in the company. He is poised to take his stake from 37 per cent to over 50 per cent by taking up a portion of his shareholders' equity at a price determined by an independent audit of the company.

Turnover is running at £1.3 million and should rise to £1.75 million by the end of the year when it is planned to open two new restaurants. "I don't think we will use the BES route as there are problems with the property content of the business in qualifying."

Finding the right sites is the major obstacle to expansion. Leadenhall Market was prime because it is in the most densely populated ward in the City and close to Lloyd's. Brokers, stockbrokers and bankers are the biggest lunchtime spenders. Accountants are not nearly so flamboyant.

'It was one long learning curve. I looked on it as a sabbatical'

there were legal, planning and fire-escape problems."

In July 1981 the company was formed as a business start-up and the Leadenhall Wine Company opened its doors for business in November of that year.

The 25 investors - former Oxford students, City chums and Mr Brown's father - put up £80,000 and the bank advanced £70,000. There were a large number of shareholders with the minimum holding of £1,000. But at least they all

professional management. In a cash business you need a basis of financial controls. The professional manager did much better than me."

Since those early beginnings the business has expanded. There is the original first-floor wine bar and second-floor restaurant, another restaurant called Bullivant's opposite in Leadenhall Market, Philipps Restaurant in Philipps Lane, and Pomeroy's in Fetter Lane.

Each expansion was financed by a rights issue. "I



Eat, drink and make merry profits: The Leadenhall Wine Company is situated in the most densely populated part of the City, right next to its biggest lunchtime spenders

Making it work

INVESTING

Success does not always come easily with the business expansion scheme. The companies are usually young, or perhaps have no track record at all. And changes in the law will shortly allow them to advertise, so tread warily.

An investor will probably find that the BES company has few assets. Your money will flourish only if the management of the company is dedicated to making the business a success. The managers must also of course have the talent.

Charles Fry, whose company, Johnson Fry, sponsors BES companies, says: "What we're always looking for is people."

A BES sponsor weeds through companies seeking capital and normally does one of two things. Either it selects and invests in the best prospects or it leads investors to the companies, without committing its own cash. The sponsor usually charges an introduction fee to the company.

Although intermediaries mean extra expense of some sort, but their presence is an extra indication that the companies they have selected will perform reasonably well, both industrially and as investments.

Nothing can be guaranteed. The Electra Risk Capital fund had to report that of 32 companies originally lent money, only 12 remained. The others had gone into liquidation or were sold off.

The bare details of BES tax privileges may already be familiar. Income-tax relief at highest rates is given on up to £40,000 invested out of income. To qualify for relief the investment must be made in the tax year for which it is claimed, and the company must carry on a trade thought fit for a BES company.

BORROWING

Raising money under the BES if you choose to do it yourself is usually as exhausting, as our case study shows.

The Inland Revenue is generally sympathetic to would-be tycoons looking for BES finance.

The first step is to make sure that the company will qualify under the BES rules.

Tax regulations are frequently mystifying to the uninitiated, and the BES qualifying rules are no exception. Fortunately, your local tax inspector will help.

According to a Revenue official: "A concrete proposal put before an inspector should elicit provisional advice. What the inspector will not do is draw up a BES company for you."

With an accountant, a lawyer, a friendly tax inspector and above all someone with income to invest, it is possible to engineer your own tax relief.

But what if you have to convince a professional lender? A book by Annabel Beerel, an accountant, entitled *The Realities of Raising Business Finance*, considers this question, and analyses what the lender should expect from a borrower.

The book is short and contains practical advice, mainly in the form of questions and check lists.

It reflects the author's opinion that knowledge of the market and marketing expertise are crucial to the success of an enterprise. At £14.95 (£16.25 including postage), from Management Update, 43 Brookfield Road, Wandsworth Common, London SW17 7DX. The book is a little dear for those trying to scrape the pennies together.

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FAMILY MONEY/2

When it helps to have a home across the seas

Portman Building Society has this week launched an account exclusively for expatriates. As usual, the net returns are better than resident Britons can find, although the variable gross rate of 10.5 per cent per annum is less than the gross rates on many on-shore accounts.

The minimum investment in the new account is £500 and withdrawals can be made immediately. Other instant-access accounts tend to have higher capital thresholds although returns can be as high as 11.25 per cent.

Mortgage guarantee

How refreshing to see a bank with confidence in the stock market when there are so many professional "bears" airing their doubts. Black Horse Life, the wholly-owned subsidiary of Cylus Bank, is prepared to guarantee that its unit-linked investments will pay off the mortgage loan at the end of the term, providing investment recommendations are followed.

The plan works like the more common endowment plans; the loan remains outstanding until the end of the term when it should be repaid by the investment return of the policy. Interest, currently at a nominal 11 per cent, is payable throughout the life of the mortgage in addition to premiums on the policy.

Lloyd's says that six of its funds are on the recommended list: self-belief is an admirable commodity.

Pension sales fears

Business is booming for the life assurance and pensions industry. The Association of British Insurers has issued figures which show total new annual premiums for the second quarter of this year of £478 million. That compares with £375 for the same period in 1985.

A large slice of the life assurance business was a reflection of the increasing popularity of endowment mortgages. Lenders have tuned their rates down in line with, or in some cases below, the repayment rates.

But are we getting what we want? The Consumers Association is anxious that pensions should not be sold by the hard-selling cold-call technique. "It would be hard to think of a more inappropriate way to get people to make a decision about an important provision for their future," says Rosemary McRobert of the Consumers' Association.

The association wants to see cold-calling banned in the Financial Services Bill, or at least an extension of the "cooling off" period which allows consumers to change their minds after buying a product or service.

BES ripples

All is traditionally quiet in the Business Expansion Scheme during summer. The period after the holidays, when we are heading for the half-way point of the tax year, is the favourite time for new schemes.

So Johnson Fry has caused a ripple in the pool with the launch this week of its second BES fund. The vehicle works on the "unauthorised" principle: investors



are given Johnson Fry's appraisal of the companies and can choose for themselves where to place their cash. Charges of 4 per cent are levied on the companies that receive investors' funds. The minimum investment is £1,000.

Cheap farmland

Will they or won't they? The theories as to whether house prices will fall are multiplying rapidly. The latest pronouncement comes from the Halifax Building Society, which recognises the record levels achieved by housing but does not foresee a widespread fall.

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TSB and the missing millions

More than two million people are missing out on the Trustee Savings Bank flotation. Some 4.2 million TSB customers were informed by a massive mailshot that they would be entitled to priority status in the sale of the bank on or about September 12.

What can these people do? The TSB says they should phone or write to their branch, which will seek records of their account.

If you cannot even remember where your branch was, the TSB mailshot may be able to help you.

Applicants with priority status can apply for a lower minimum amount of shares, and it is certain that they will receive some shares even if the issue is heavily over-subscribed.

The Inland Revenue is not renowned for its generosity, so the recent removal of Capital Gains Tax (CGT) from gilts might be thought surprising. A gilt is an IOU from the government, which promises to repay the face value (usually £100) of the stock at some agreed date in the future.

Removing CGT from gilts offers few gains. You may be wondering how it is possible for the return to be a fixed percentage of a fluctuating capital value.

It was done to curb 'bond washing'. "chunky" individuals whose portfolios are growing with at least £6,300 capital gain, who have £5,000 worth of gilts, who buy and sell within a year without being caught by the accrued interest scheme.

Few individuals will benefit from the fact that investors can get a better return elsewhere. If you wanted to sell your 9 per cent stock, you might get only £97 for it depending on the maturity date.

And if you are dealing for yourself, you will have to watch out. Under the infamous "accrued interest scheme" the monies you receive as the fixed return on the gilt will be treated as income and so be liable to income tax at your

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The manager of the fund is Philippe Héroult, who has been seconded from Crédit Commercial de France. He is our link into CCF's research, while working in London with the other Framlington fund managers.

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You can make a lump sum investment simply by completing the form below and sending it to us with your cheque. Units are allocated at the price ruling when we receive your order. The minimum investment for a lump sum is £500. There is a discount of 1 per cent for investments of £10,000 or more.

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By 12th August the price of units had risen 30 per cent to 65.0p, compared with 50.0p when the fund was launched on February 14. The estimated gross yield was 0.85 per cent.

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APPLICATION FORM

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I wish to invest £ (min. £500) in Murray European Fund at the offer price ruling on receipt of this application and to include a bonus of 1% extra units if I/we invest £2500 or more by 31st August 1986.

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FAMILY MONEY/3

A meter could be neater

WATER

Most water authorities will help you to decide whether you would be better off with a meter. In the Thames Water Authority region, for instance, anyone whose rateable value is more than £500 would probably be better off with a meter.

The authority's booklet, *Domestic Metering Information*, allows you to work out your bill under two different systems more precisely.

Thames says a three-person household would use 18,000 to 38,000 gallons a year, whereas Severn Trent, in its booklet, *Should You Have a Water Meter In Your Home?*, estimates consumption for the same household at between 27,000 and 43,000 gallons a year.

You are likely to be a high user

The booklet shows likely savings in the Severn Trent area, using figures worked out according to water usage and rateable value.

If you use an automatic dishwasher and an automatic washing machine, you are probably a high water user. You are likely to come into the low user category only if you have neither of these machines, do not use a garden hose and no one in your property has more than one bath a week.

It is probably safer to assume that you are a high user when making the calculations to allow for a margin of error.

Water authorities differ slightly in how they charge for metered water. Thames, like most, makes no charge for the meter itself beyond a £20 deposit which will be deducted from the first metered bill. The consumer has to install the meter or find a plumber to do it. This should cost no more than £50. However, if the meter has to be fitted outside the house because there is a branch pipe to a garden tap, the installation is likely to cost more than £100.

In the Thames region the annual charges are made up of a £13 standing charge, a £15 meter-rending charge and a £18 standing charge for sewerage - a total of £46 a year. The meter will be read once a year, and consumers will be asked to take a reading themselves once a year.

The volume of water used is charged twice over - once for water supply at 103.65p per 1,000 gallons, and again for sewerage at 96.2p per 1,000 gallons; it is presumed that all the water supplied to a household will eventually find its way out in some form.

There is an additional charge, probably of less than £2, for "environmental services" such as water quality regulation, recreation and fisheries, which are still based on rateable value.

We may all have to have them

In the Severn Trent region, on the other hand, there are no standing charges. But there is a minimum charge of £12, or £16 for large houses where the supply pipes are larger.

You may be unwise to switch to a meter now if the savings are only marginal and do not cover the £50 installation cost in the first year, as we may all be forced to have meters before too long.

Vivien Goldsmith

Timeshare action to calm the public

The timeshare industry has managed to produce some good news. Last week we highlighted some instances of the hard-selling carriage-clock largesse; this week we can report some welcome action.

A consortium of major timeshare developers, including Barratt, European Ferries and Wimpey, has produced a set of trading standards to "allay public concern". The standards mention such worthy but vague concepts as "reasonable and fair marketing and sales techniques", but by far the most significant development is the voluntary imposition of a five-day cooling-off period once a purchase contract has been signed.

The Office of Fair Trading has been doing its bit, too. A set of guidelines for those tempted to buy has been issued from Sir Gordon Barrie's office. If followed, they will ensure that the timeshare buyer understands the bargain before signing on the dotted line.

The practical points are to sign nothing and to pay nothing on the first meeting. Nor should potential customers accede to pressures to sign at once to obtain a big discount. The gifts, too, should be considered at some length, with a solicitor to advise on what sort of liabilities you may be incurring.

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M&G SECOND GENERAL 30TH BIRTHDAY

EXTRA UNITS UP TO 31ST OCT

Over the last thirty years you probably could not have held a unit trust with a better performance than M&G SECOND GENERAL.

£1,000 invested at its launch in June 1956 would now be worth £67,208 with all income reinvested compared with £8,104 from a similar investment in a building society. To have maintained its purchasing power over the period, £1,000 would need to have grown to £8,748.

The British Stockmarket has been strong for a number of years, which is why many investors are now looking at overseas markets for new investment opportunities. But concentration in one particular area can produce very volatile investment results, and this year's high flier can often be next year's poor performer. You should be wary of short-term performance claims, such as the "Over 50% growth in just five months" quoted recently for a European unit trust.

M&G has two International Funds which solve the problem by spreading your investment effectively among the major stockmarkets of the world.

The M&G International Income Fund aims to provide a high income, and one that can be expected to increase over the years, from an international portfolio of equities.

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SECOND GENERAL PERFORMANCE TABLE
Value of £1,000 invested on 5th June 1956.

Date	M&G SECOND	F.T. Ordinary Index	Building Society
5 June '56	£1,000	£1,000	£1,000
31 Dec '66	£2,996	£2,472	£1,699
31 Dec '76	£7,812	£3,859	£3,437
5 June '86	£67,208	£21,042	£8,104

NOTES: All figures include reinvested income net of basic-rate tax. The Building Society figures are based on an extra interest account offering 1 1/2% above the average yearly rate (source: Building Societies Association). M&G SECOND GENERAL figures are realisation values.

To celebrate M&G SECOND's thirty-year performance record we are offering an extra 1% unit allocation if you invest £1,000 or more and 2% if you invest £10,000 or more in any of these three unit trusts before 31st October 1986.

The price of units and the income from them may go down as well as up. This means that unit trusts are a long-term investment and not suitable for money you may need at short notice.

INTERNATIONAL PERFORMANCE TABLE
Value on 1st August 1986 of £1,000 invested at the launch of M&G's two International Funds.

	Launch Date	M&G Unit Trust	Building Society
International Income	May '85	£1,156	£1,098
International Growth	Dec '67	£11,632	£4,558

NOTES: All figures include reinvested income net of basic-rate tax. The Building Society figures are based on an account offering a guaranteed extra 1 1/2% above the average yearly rate (source: Building Societies Association). M&G figures are realisation values.

SPECIAL OFFER CLOSES 31st OCTOBER

All applications for £1,000 or more received by 31st October, 1986 will be given an extra 1% allocation of units, increasing to 2% for applications of £10,000 or more per Fund.

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DO NOT SEND ANY MONEY. A contract note will be sent to you stating exactly how much you owe and the settlement date. Your certificate will follow shortly.

INTERNATIONAL INCOME (M&G 1000)
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Signature _____ Date _____

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Commercial leaseholders beware

Business tenancies may be less secure than they appear - so leaseholders beware. A recent little-publicized court case has shown that even the most insignificant breach of the terms of a lease could result in you losing valuable rights which could be worth thousands of pounds.

To many business leases, the leaseholder is granted an option entitling him to renew his lease often on very favourable terms. These options are over and above any rights he may have under the Landlord and Tenant Act, 1954. But the law relating to options is very strict as one leaseholder, Morton Music, discovered to its cost, in a High Court case last month.

In 1982, Morton Music had taken on a 15-year lease of a hotel from Bass Holdings, the landlord. The lease contained an option which entitled the tenant to renew the lease for a further term of 125 years. The option was conditional upon the tenant having paid the rent and having "performed and observed" the covenants in the lease.

In 1985, Morton Music served a notice on the landlord asking to take up its option for the further term of 125 years. But the landlord would not accept the tenant's right to exercise the option.

The matter went to court and among the various points at issue, the landlord claimed that the tenant had not "performed and observed" the covenants in the lease, because it had twice applied for planning permission without Bass's consent.

There was indeed a covenant in the lease that a tenant must not apply for planning permission without the landlord's consent. But as the tenant's solicitor explained: "They were only applications for outline consent and they were in any event refused."

The tenant lost the case. It was held that if at any time a tenant has been in breach of a covenant out to do something, then he will lose his right to exercise the option.

The tenant's solicitor commented: "It was a very beneficial option to the tenant which was worth a lot of money. There was one minute breach of a negative covenant and the tenant is still debarrd. It is very unjust. A tenant cannot put one foot wrong."

The landlord's solicitors said: "The fact that the judge selected one unusual breach as a main ground for his judgment does not detract from the general unhappy relationship which negated the option."

So what can tenants do to protect their options? The answer seems to be once more in the hands of the lawyers.

Solicitor and property expert John Samson commented: "This case demonstrates that tenants should get legal advice well in advance of the time they first start thinking about exercising the option. They can then see if they can put their house in order. Some breaches of covenant can be put right without any adverse legal effect. They should also make sure that their solicitor has registered the option as otherwise it could well be worthless."

Morton Music's solicitors have decided to go to the Court of Appeal.

Sue Fieldman

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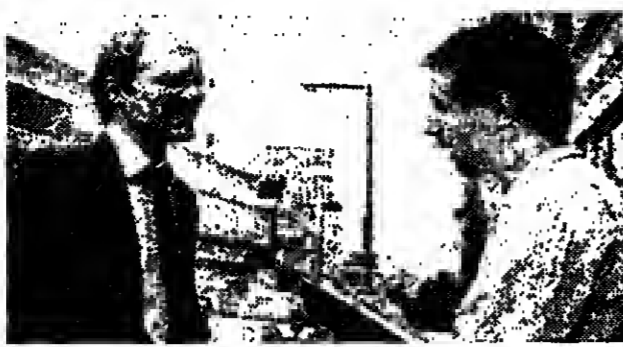
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FAMILY MONEY 1/4

Facts — and damned statistics

ANALYSIS

Retail prices, employment figures, public sector borrowing requirement and cyclical indicators — what do they mean? David Smith, Economics Correspondent, unscrambles some official statistics



Streetwise: But how successful is the statistical analysis?

There is a secret world inhabited by a small and select bunch of people. It is a world where there is no appreciable variation in the seasons, where human actions can be reduced to hard figures and where the past is subject to frequent, and often substantial, revision.

It is the world of the statistician, one in which, by and large, we tend to believe. Official statistics are generally taken on trust, even if we now discover that the roaring balance-of-payments

Some people believe opinion polls

deficit that forced Harold Wilson to devalue the pound in 1967 has, because of revised data, become a surplus. Or, that for many official statistics, the admitted margin of error is more than 20 per cent, plus or minus.

At least with official figures, a form of quality control operates and an honesty about the likely scale of under or over estimates.

With many non-official statistics, often compiled on the basis of evidence from tiny samples, this is not the case. And yet we believe it when we are told that the average Vauxhall Cavalier-driving young executive, married with two children in Basingstoke, earns £22,200 this year, compared with £19,700 last. Some

people even believe those classic pieces of non-official statistical trivia, opinion polls. For non-statisticians, the concept of seasonally-adjusted figures is a source of much innocent amusement. For the statisticians it is anything but.

Seasonal adjustment factors are often derived from equations of fearsome complexity. Even so, they can go wrong, usually when actual events do not conform to normal seasonal patterns. So far this year, we have had the coldest February since 1947 and, unusually, a March Easter.

Of course, before the omniscient crumblers can move on to sophisticated matters such as seasonal adjustment, they need to have reasonably reliable figures to begin with. The Central Statistical Office, which produces monthly industrial production figures, recently began to have doubts about the accuracy of the information it was getting from industry.

The figures looked plausible but, in almost every case, had to be revised upwards on receipt of later data. Fortunately, help was at hand. Every month, the Confederation of British Industry polls about 1,700 companies on how they are doing and how they expect to be doing in the near future.

So, the Central Statistical Office decided to use some of the CBI's figures — not on

actual output but on expectations — to produce bias adjustments to revise up the industrial production figures. These figures have thus become a mixture of history and forecast.

Embarrassingly for the official statisticians, their first stabs at adjusting the figures up in this way proved over-optimistic, and the statistics have had to be revised down. Unluckily, the introduction of the new method coincided with an unexpected pause for industrial output.

Good statistics require representative samples, for only to the rarest of cases are figures compiled on the basis of a complete sample. Even where they are, problems can arise. The Department of Employment has recently taken some flak for introducing a two-week delay to the compilation of the unemployment statistics after the monthly "count".

This has the effect of cutting the jobless total by 50,000 to 60,000 and is justified, according to the department, by the fact that under the old method, people in work were recorded as unemployed.

The Unemployment Unit, a pressure group for the unemployed, has discovered 17 changes since 1979 in the way that the jobless total is calculated. Adding the effects of these changes back in to the published total gives an un-

employment level of 4.3 million. If those on special employment and training measures are counted as unemployed, or 3.8 million if they are not.

Inevitably, though, what gets the backlogs up most are the official estimates of the inflation rate. The retail prices index is, without a doubt, the best statistical series produced by Whitehall. Every month, in over 200 towns, researchers stroll out with their clipboards from unemployment benefit offices and record the prices of more than 600 goods and services, making a total of more than 130,000 separate price observations in all.

The index, unlike other government statistics, is over-revised; the first version is also the final version. Yet, a lot of people do not believe it. Movements in the retail prices index, they say, simply do not match their own experience.

For once, this is the fault, not of this particular statistical series, but of the general problem with statistics:

Another reason for distrust

averaging. Almost by definition, no one's experience will exactly match the average. Indeed, in the case of retail-price inflation, it is well nigh impossible anyway, because the index includes both council house rents and mortgage payments.

A second reason for distrusting the index is that people tend to notice price rises but not falls.

Clearly great care has to be taken with official figures. A special advisory committee, appointed to look at ways of improving the retail price index, has eschewed major changes in the index, like leaving mortgage rates out of the calculation. Given the sort of tricks that statisticians can get up to, this is to be welcomed.

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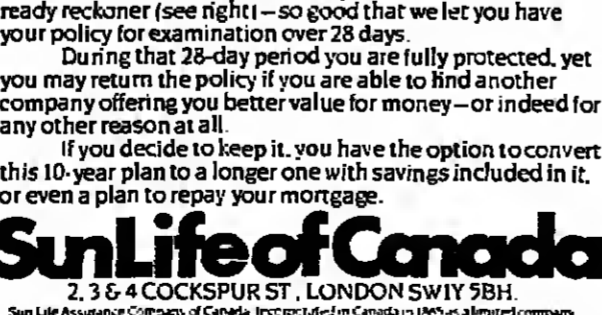
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Other

UNIVERSITY NEWS

English riders in strong challenge

English riders mount a north-east challenge to the Scottish and Welsh riders at Thirlestane Castle, Lauder, in Berwickshire with dressage today and the cross-country and show jumping in action on Sunday (a Special Correspondent writes).

SQUASH RACKETS

The master's challenge

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HORSE TRIALS

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RUGBY LEAGUE

Holiday isle's red carpet for fans

The Isle of Man has not had the brightest of summers, so it is not surprising that the red carpet is being laid out for several thousand visitors from the British Isles of England, who will descend on Douglas this weekend.

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By Richard Streeton

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Surrey lured into the danger zone

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Old hands: Former winners Schockemohle and Deister prepare for the Hickstead Derby

Lewis takes chance to place them all in the shade

By Jenny MacArthur

Annette Lewis and her exuberant 12-year-old gelding, Tutein, left Britain's top riders in the shade at Hickstead yesterday for the second time this year when they won the S&K Cup Derby. Final after a 10-horse jump-off.

CYCLING Hinault sews up the Coors

From John Wilcockson

Bernard Hinault virtually sewed up his victory in the Coors International Classic yesterday when he won the 14th stage time trial to push his overall lead to 2 1/2 minutes over his American

SWIMMING Gross nets another gold

Hallsail, of Switzerland, and Man Biondi, of the US.

Denderbrouck had turned well over two seconds clear of a fifth-placed Otto into the final freestyle relay when the East German surged past. "I'm very pleased with my third gold," Otto said. "I did not expect it. Now I've won medals in three different

GOLF Hayllar steals the lead

By John Hennessy

For all the promise of six Curtis Cup players it was the little-known Christine Hayllar who stole the lead on the first day of the British women's stroke-play championship at Blairgowrie yesterday.

Weather hampers progress

By Peter Marson

Because bad weather had affected so many matches in the Britannic Assurance county championship programme yesterday, the status quo was maintained in the case of Hampshire, Worcestershire, Leicestershire and Nottinghamshire, four counties still to show interest at the top, though there had been a hiccup at Queens

Lord's opens its doors to the villagers

Club and village cricket

Grass roots cricket, in the shape of the respective finals of the national club championship and the national village championship, takes centre-stage at Lord's this weekend.

OTHER SCOREBOARDS

Derbyshire v Leics AT CHESTERFIELD Derbyshire (8 pts) drew with Leicestershire (5).

THE RECORD

BASEBALL NORTH AMERICA: National League: San Francisco 7, Philadelphia 8; St. Louis 6, Chicago 4.

FOOTBALL

SAN FERRANDO: Toulon 3, Marseille 2; Valenciennes 2, Auxerre 1.

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